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IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF TAOS EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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WAYNE RUTHERFORD,

Plaintiff.

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THEODORE PUTNAM, CTL THOMPSON, INC. and GREGORY SOPYN,

Defendant.

### **COMPLAINT FOR MONEY DAMAGES**

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, by and through his attorneys WILL FERGUSON & ASSOCIATES (William S. Ferguson), and for his cause of action against Defendants will show the Court as follows:

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. Plaintiff Wayne Rutherford is an individual residing in Taos, New Mexico.
- 2. Defendant Theodore Putnam is an individual residing in Denver, Colorado.
- Defendant CTL Thompson, Inc. is a corporation with its principle place of business in Denver, Colorado, transacting business in the State of New Mexico as CTL Material Engineers.
  - 4. Defendant Gregory Sopyn is an individual residing in Rinconada, New Mexico.
- 5. This cause of action arises out of an automobile accident occurring on September 16, 2011, on State Road 68, in Rinconada, New Mexico.
- 6. On September 16, 2011, at approximately 9:45 a.m., a vehicle collision occurred when a 2006 Ford pickup truck operated by the Defendant Theodore Putnam (hereinafter

EXHIBIT **A**  "Defendant Putnam") crossed the center line and struck a 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck being driven by Plaintiff head-on, totaling both vehicles.

7. At the time of the collision, Defendant Gregory Sopyn (hereinafter "Defendant Sopyn"), operating his 2005 Saturn vehicle, was attempting to commence a left turn into a highway business when he was passed by the vehicle owned by Defendant CTL Thompson, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendant CTL"), and driven by Defendant Putnam.

### **COUNT I**

### NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENCE PER SE OF DEFENDANT PUTNAM

- 8. Plaintiff realleges all the preceding allegations as if set forth fully herein.
- 9. There was in effect at the time of the accident, as part of the New Mexico State Motor Vehicle Code, statutes providing that:
  - A. Driver shall devote their full time and attention to the roadway;
  - B. Driver shall maintain their lane of traffic;
  - C. Driver shall not attempt to pass unless it is safe to do so;
  - D. Driver shall not follow too closely to the vehicle in front of them; and
  - E. Driver shall at all times keep full control of their vehicle.
- 10. Defendant Putnam operated his vehicle in such a way as to cross into Plaintiff's lane of traffic, causing the collision, in a manner that was negligent and negligent per se.

  Defendant Putnam negligently did not devote his full time and attention to the roadway, failed to keep a proper distance, failed to stay in his lane of traffic, negligently failed to make a safe passing maneuver, and otherwise acted negligently, causing the subject collision.
- 11. As a result of the Defendant Putnam's negligence as aforesaid, Plaintiff suffered damages in the form of a fractured wrist, head injuries, contusions, sprains and abrasions, past

and future medical bills, past and future pain and suffering and disability, and loss of past and future income.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant Putnam for his consequential damages as may be proven at trial, for pre and post judgment interest, for his costs incurred herein, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in the premises.

### **COUNT II**

# RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR AND NEGLIGENCE OF CTL THOMPSON

- 12. Plaintiff realleges all the prior allegations as if set forth fully herein.
- 13. Defendant Putnam, in operating his vehicle as aforesaid, did so in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant CTL Thompson, Inc., rendering Defendant CTL Thomson responsible for Putnam's negligence under the doctrines of agency and respondeat superior.
- 14. Defendant CTL Thompson negligently hired, trained, supervised, and retained the Defendant Putnam in such a way as to cause the negligent operation of the Putnam motor vehicle, proximately causing Plaintiff's damages alleged herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant CTL Thompson for his consequential damages as may be proven at trial, for pre and post judgment interest, and for his costs incurred herein, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in the premises.

### **COUNT III**

### PUNITIVE DAMAGES AGAINST PUTNAM

15. Plaintiff realleges all the prior allegations as if set forth fully herein.

16. Defendant Putnam, in operating his vehicle as aforesaid, did so illegally, willfully, wantonly, and with such reckless disregard of the rights of Plaintiff as to entitle Plaintiff to punitive or exemplary damages in an amount sufficient to deter similar conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant Putnam for punitive or exemplary damages in an amount as may be proven at trial, for pre and post judgment interest, and for his costs incurred herein, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in the premises.

### **COUNT IV**

### **NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENCE PER SE OF SOPYN**

- 17. Plaintiff realleges all the prior allegations as if set forth fully herein.
- 18. There was in effect at the time of the accident, as part of the New Mexico State Motor Vehicle Code, a statute providing that any driver attempting to make a left turn across oncoming lanes of traffic shall engage a signal signifying his intent to do so.
- 19. Defendant Sopyn violated this statute and operated his vehicle in such a way as to cause or negligently contribute to the subject collision.
- 20. As a result of the Defendant Sopyn's negligence and negligence per se as aforesaid, Plaintiff suffered damages in the form of a fractured wrist, head injuries, contusions, sprains and abrasions, past and future medical bills, and past and future pain and suffering, and loss of past and future income.
- 21. Defendant Sopyn, in acting as aforesaid, did so illegally, willfully, and wantonly, entitling Plaintiff to punitive or exemplary damages in a sum sufficient to deter similar conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant Sopyn for his consequential damages as may be proven at trial, for punitive damages for pre and post judgment interest, and for his costs incurred herein, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted:

WILL FERGUSON & ASSOCIATES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF TAOS EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**FXR** 

NO. D-820-CV-2014-300 WAYNE RUTHERFORD Plaintiffs,

VS.

THEODORE PUTNAM, CTL THOMPSON, INC. and GREGORY SOPYN

Defendant.

### NOTICE

LR8-402 of the Local Rules for the Eighth Judicial District Court requires that a Civil Case Information Sheet in the form set forth in LR 8-Form 4, be filed with a pleading initiating a civil action and with a parties' answer or responsive pleading.

You are hereby required to file the Civil Case Information Sheet within thirty

(30) days of the date of the filing of this Notice.

Plaintiff's failure to file the required Civil Case Information Sheet **may result in** a **dismissal** without prejudice of this case.

Defendant's failure to file the required Civil Case Information Sheet **may result** in sanctions allowed under the Rules of Civil Procedure for District Courts.

BERNABE P. STRUCK DISTRICT COURT CLERK

Francesca Romero-Court Clerk II Notice was served to counsel/parties of record on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

Francesca Romero-Court Clerk II

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF TAOS EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

	NO. Wayne Rutherford Plaintiff(s), No. D. 820.CV. 2014.00300
	vs.
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d	Defendant(s)
•	heodore Putnam, CTL THOMPSON, UNC.  Defendant(s)  GREGORY SOPYM.  PLAINTIFF(S) - DEFENDANT(S)  CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET
	I. Judge Assigned:
	II. Jury 6 Jury 12 Non-Jury
	III. Parties:
	A. Plaintiff(s) Wayne Rutherford Plaintiff's attorney William S. Ferguson Address Go Will Ferguson Address 1720 Lonisiana Blod NE Telephone number 505.243.55.66 #100
	B. Defendant(s) The ordere Putham Address Aurora, Co Telephone number  Defendant's attorney Address Telephone number
	C. Other party(ies) CTL Thomps on hother party(ies) attorney  Address  Telephone number 303.356.7924 Telephone number  D. Gregory Sopyn  IV. Date the Complaint was filed:  D. LY. 12
	Estimated date by which all parties will be served: 9.12.14  Estimated date by which all parties will be of record: 10.13.14
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VI. Estimated number of witnesses:
VII. Estimated period of time needed for discovery: (mos.
VIII. Estimate when this case will be ready for trial: 2015
IX. Estimate the number of days needed for trial: 3. 4 days
X. Track assignment requested: (Expedited, Standard or Complex. Refer to definitions of tracks contained in Differentiated Case Management / Civil Cases Information Packet).  Briefly state the reason for the requested track assignment. Standard  Attorney for Plaintiff-Defendant or Self-represented Plaintiff-Defendant Address  Telephone number

THE ATTORNEY OR SELF-REPRESENTED PARTY IS HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT A COPY OF THIS CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE ASSIGNED JUDGE.

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4-206. Summons. **FXR** 

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SUMMONS		
District Court: EIGHTH JUDICIAL Taos County, New Mexico	Case Number: D.820.CV.2014.00300	
Court Address: 105 Albright Street, Ste. N Taos, New Mexico 87571 Court Telephone No.: 575-758-3173	Assigned Judge: The Honorable Sarah Backus	
WAYNE RUTHERFORD, Plaintiff,	Defendant CTL THOMPSON, INC.	
v. THEODORE PUTNAM, CTL THOMPSON, INC. and	22 Lipan Street Denver, CO 80223 303-356-7924	
GREGORY SOPYN, Defendant.		

## TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Take notice that

- A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit is attached. The Court issued 1. this Summons.
- You must respond to this lawsuit in writing. You must file your written response with the Court no later than thirty (30) days from the date you are served with this Summons. (The date you are considered served with the Summons is determined by Rule 1-004 NMRA) The Court's address is listed above.
- You must file (in person or by mail) your written response with the Court. When you file 3. your response, you must give or mail a copy to the person who signed the lawsuit.
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- If you need an interpreter, you must ask for one in writing. 6.
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Dated at Taos, New Mexico, this 19th day of August, 2014.

BERNABE P. STRUCK

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CLERK OF DISTRICT C

Francesca Romero Court

/s/ William S. Ferguson

Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff/Pro Se Party

WILLIAM S. FERGUSON Attorneys for Plaintiffs 1720 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Suite 100 Albuquerque, NM 87110

Phone: 505 243-5566 Fax: 505 243-5699 dave@fergusonlaw.com

THIS SUMMONS IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 1-004 OF THE NEW MEXICO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT COURTS.

# $RETURN^1$

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )	
COUNTY OF)ss )	
I, being duly sworn, on oath, state that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a plawsuit, and that I served this summons in county on the,, by delivering a copy of this summons, complaint, and initia attached, in the following manner:	party to this day of l discovery
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Judge, notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths		
Official title		

### USE NOTE

- 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, this return is not to be filed with the court prior to service of the summons and complaint on the defendant.
- 2. If service is made by the sheriff or a deputy sheriff of a New Mexico county, the signature of the sheriff or deputy sheriff need not be notarized.

[Adopted effective August 1, 1988; as amended by Supreme Court Order 05-8300-01, effective March 1, 2005; by Supreme Court Order 07-8300-16, effective August 1, 2007; by Supreme Court Order No. 12-8300-026, effective for all cases filed or pending on or after January 7, 2013.]

DISTRICT COURT CLERK

4-206. Summons.

[For use with District Court Civil Rule 1-004 NMRA]

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District Court: EIGHTH JUDICIAL	Case Number:	
Taos County, New Mexico	D.820.CV.2014.00300	
Court Address: 105 Albright Street, Ste. N		
Taos, New Mexico 87571	Assigned Judge:	
Court Telephone No.: 575-758-3173	The Honorable Sarah Backus	
WAYNE RUTHERFORD,	Defendant	
Plaintiff,	GREGORY SOPYN	
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	575-579-4223	
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  Dated at Taos. New Mexico. this 19th day of August, 2014.

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s/William S. Ferguson

Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff/Pro Se Party

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v. Aurora, CO

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Francesca Romero Court Clerk

/s/ William S. Ferguson

Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff/Pro Se Party WILLIAM S. FERGUSON

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IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF TAOS EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

WAYNE RUTHERFORD,

Plaintiff,

V.

No. D.820.CV.2014.00300

THEODORE PUTNAM, CTL THOMPSON, INC. JOHN DOE and AGNES YAZZIE,

Defendants.

### **AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR MONEY DAMAGES**

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, by and through his attorneys WILL FERGUSON & ASSOCIATES (William S. Ferguson), and for his cause of action against Defendants will show the Court as follows:

### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Plaintiff Wayne Rutherford is an individual residing in Taos, New Mexico.
- 2. Defendant Theodore Putnam is an individual residing in Denver, Colorado.
- Defendant CTL Thompson, Inc. is a corporation with its principle place of business in Denver, Colorado, transacting business in the State of New Mexico as CTL Material Engineers.
- 4. Defendant Agnes Yazzie is an individual residing in Kirtland, New Mexico, owner of a 2004 Saturn sedan. Defendant John Doe is named as a Defendant as the possible driver of the Yazzie vehicle, if not Agnes Yazzie.
- 5. This cause of action arises out of an automobile accident occurring on September 16, 2011, on State Road 68, in Rinconada, New Mexico.

- 6. On September 16, 2011, at approximately 9:45 a.m., a vehicle collision occurred when a 2006 Ford pickup truck operated by the Defendant Theodore Putnam (hereinafter "Defendant Putnam") crossed the center line and struck a 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck being driven by Plaintiff head-on, totaling both vehicles.
- 7. At the time of the collision, Defendant Agnes Yazzie (hereinafter "Defendant Yazzie") or the Defendant John Doe (hereinafter "Defendant Doe"), operating her beige Saturn vehicle, was slowing or stopping in the northbound lane of travel when she was passed by the vehicle owned by Defendant CTL Thompson, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendant CTL"), and driven by Defendant Putnam.

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### NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENCE PER SE OF DEFENDANT PUTNAM

- 8. Plaintiff realleges all the preceding allegations as if set forth fully herein.
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- 19. There was in effect at the time of the accident, as part of the New Mexico State Motor Vehicle Code, a statue providing that no person shall operate a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal flow of traffic.
- 20. Defendant Yazzie violated this statute and operated her vehicle in such a way as to cause or negligently contribute to the subject collision.
- 21. Upon information and belief, Defendant Yazzie may have negligently entrusted the vehicle to Defendant Doe.

- 22. As a result of the Defendant Yazzie's negligence and negligence per se as aforesaid, Plaintiff suffered damages in the form of a fractured wrist, head injuries, contusions, sprains and abrasions, past and future medical bills, and past and future pain and suffering, and loss of past and future income.
- 23. Defendant Yazzie, in acting as aforesaid, did so illegally, willfully, and wantonly, entitling Plaintiff to punitive or exemplary damages in a sum sufficient to deter similar conduct in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant Yazzie for her consequential damages as may be proven at trial, for punitive damages for pre and post judgment interest, and for his costs incurred herein, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in the premises.

### COUNT V

### NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENCE PER SE OF DEFENDANT DOE

- 24. Plaintiff realleges all the prior allegations as if set forth fully herein.
- 25. There was in effect at the time of the accident, as part of the New Mexico State Motor Vehicle Code, a statute providing that any driver turning from the lane of travel shall engage a signal signifying his or her intent to do so.
- 26. There was in effect at the time of the accident, as part of the New Mexico State Motor Vehicle Code, a statute providing that no person shall operate a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal flow of traffic.
- 27. Defendant Doe violated this statute and operated his vehicle in such a way as to cause or negligently contribute to the subject collision.

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28. As a result of the Defendant Doe's negligence and negligence per se as aforesaid,

Plaintiff suffered damages in the form of a fractured wrist, head injuries, contusions, sprains and

abrasions, past and future medical bills, and past and future pain and suffering, and loss of past

and future income.

29. Defendant Doe, in acting as aforesaid, did so illegally, willfully, and wantonly,

entitling Plaintiff to punitive or exemplary damages in a sum sufficient to deter similar conduct

in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant Doe for his consequential

damages as may be proven at trial, for punitive damages for pre and post judgment interest, and

for his costs incurred herein, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in

the premises.

Respectfully submitted:

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4-206. Summons.

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SUMMONS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT		
District Court: EIGHTH JUDICIAL	Case Number:	
Taos County, New Mexico	D.820.CV.2014.00300	
Court Address: 105 Albright Street, Ste. N		
Taos, New Mexico 87571	Assigned Judge:	
Court Telephone No.: 575-758-3173	The Honorable Sarah Backus	
WAYNE RUTHERFORD,	Defendant	
Plaintiff, v. THEODORE PUTNAM, CTL THOMPSON, INC. JOHN DOE and AGNES YAZZIE, Defendant.	CTL THOMPSON, INC. 22 Lipan Street Denver, CO 80223 303-356-7924	

## TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Take notice that

- 1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit is attached. The Court issued this Summons.
- 2. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing. You must file your written response with the Court no later than thirty (30) days from the date you are served with this Summons. (The date you are considered served with the Summons is determined by Rule 1-004 NMRA) The Court's address is listed above.
- 3. You must file (in person or by mail) your written response with the Court. When you file your response, you must give or mail a copy to the person who signed the lawsuit.
- **4.** If you do not respond in writing, the Court may enter judgment against you as requested in the lawsuit.
- 5. You are entitled to a jury trial in most types of lawsuits. To ask for a jury trial, you must request one in writing and pay a jury fee.
- **6.** If you need an interpreter, you must ask for one in writing.
- 7. You may wish to consult a lawyer. You may contact the State Bar of New Mexico for help finding a lawyer at <a href="https://www.nmbar.org">www.nmbar.org</a>; 1-800-876-6657; or 1-505-797-6066.

Dated at Taos, New Mexico, this 3rd day of September, 2014.

BERNABE P. STRUCK

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

By: Court Clerk II

/s/ William S. Ferguson

Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff/Pro Se Party WILLIAM S. FERGUSON

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